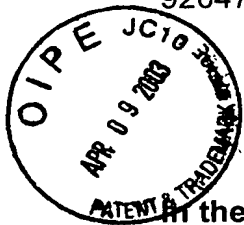


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 2, 2003

Honorable Director of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

In response to the examiner further office action of January 2, 2003, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1 and 9 without prejudice, leaving claims 2 through 8 and 10 through 17 remaining in the application.

Remarks

The examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 9 and comments which follow.

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